(b) what are the criteria to select them, whether there is any proposal to enhance the pension; and

(c) the details of the beneficieries?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) Under the scheme entitled "Financial Assistance to Artistes in Indigent Circumstances" 561 reputed artistes are receiving financial assistance.

(b) According to the Scheme, a person: (i) should have made significant contribution to arts and letters etc. (traditional scholars who have made significant contribution in their respective fields are also eligible, absence of any published works notwithstanding), (ii) should not have personal income, including income of his spouse of more than Rs. 1,000|- per month and (iii) should not be less than 58 years of age (this age limit does not apply to the dependants of reputed artistes).

It is proposed to enhance the quantum of financial assistance from Rs. 600|- to Rs. 1000|- per month, w.e.f. 1-4-1992.

(c) The 561 artistes, belonging to the various disciplines of culture and art are drawn from all over the country.

4196. [*Transferred to the 25th March, 1992*]

Unemployed Engineers in Jammu and Kashmir

4197. SHRI SHABBIR AHMAD SALARIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased state:

(a) the number of stipendiary engineers un-employed in Jammu and Kashmir in spite of High Court directives to appoint them;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that they have been sitting on Dharna and have even tried to immolate themselves in January 1992 because of the non-implementation of the court orders?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) to (c) As per the information received from the Government of Jammu and Kashmir the number of stipendiary engineers unemployed in Jammu and Kashmir is, 1297, who could not be offered employment for want of adequate number of posts and in view of the time taken in the selection process. They have been sitting on Dharna from time to time. However, no immolation has taken place.

Method of Promotion to the post of P.G.T.

4198. SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as per the existing procedure the vacancies in the grade of PGT against the promotion quota in schools run by the Directorate of Education of Delhi Administration are filled by inviting applications from the serving teachers and not on the basis of information regarding their qualifications available in records with the Directorate or its subordinate offices;

(b) whether any subjectwise seniority list of teachers for making promotions to the grade of PGT is maintained by the Directorate and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is a fact that the existing procedure of making promotion does not cover teachers who are otherwise senior but are left out for not applying in time and junior teachers who apply get promotion thereby causing recurring financial loss to the senior teachers; and

(d) what is the policy of the Directorate as regards the applications|representations received from eligible teachers who are left out while making these promotions and whether Government propose to review and modify the existing procedure to make it more rational?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) to (d) Delhi Administration has intimated that applications are required to be submitted by the teachers because some of the teachers acquire qualification of Post Graduation during service. The Delhi Admn. consider that inviting of applications is essential for up-dating their existing records and subject-wise eligibility lists, in the interest of the teachers themselves. It is true that teachers who are eligible may be left out if they fail to apply in time, though not permanently. However, Delhi Adwmnistration have been advised by the Government to make the procedure simpler and more rational.

बाल विवाह की सूचना देने वालों को प्रोत्साहन

4199. **श्री ईश दत्त यादव** : क्या **मानव संसाधन विकास** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार उन व्यक्तियों जो पुरस्कार देने का विचार रखती है जो बाल विवाहों की सूचना देगी ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(ग) उत्तर प्रदेश के रायबरेली और सुल्तानपुर जिलों के बाल विवाहों के बारे में सूचना देने वाले व्यक्तियों के नाम क्या हैं तथा उन्हें प्रोत्साहन देने की लिए सरकार द्वारा क्या कदम उठाये जा रहे हैं ?

मानव संसाधन विकास (युवा कार्य और खेल विभाग) मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री तथा मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्रालय (महिला और बाल विकास विभाग में राज्य मंत्री का अतिरिक्त प्रभार (कुमारी ममता बनर्जी) : (क) जी, नहीं ।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

(ग) उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार से सूचना प्राप्त की जा रही है और सदन के पटल पर रख दी जायेगी ।

प्रश्न पत्रों का लीक हो जाना

4200. **श्री ईश दत्त यादव** : क्या **मानव संसाधन विकास** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार को बोर्ड की कुछ परीक्षाओं के प्रश्न -पत्र गायब होने और लीक होने का समाचार मिला है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो पिछले दो वर्षों के दौरान ऐसी घटनाओं का राज्यवार ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(ग) भविष्य में ऐसी घटनाओं की पुनरावृत्ति को रोकने के लिए सरकार ने क्या कदम उठाये हैं ?

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री (श्री अर्जुन सिंह) : (क) और (ख) सरकार को मिली जानकारी के अनुसार जहां तक केन्द्रीय माध्यमिक शिक्षा बोर्ड द्वारा संचालित परीक्षाओं का संबंध है, प्रश्न-पत्रों के खोने अथवा लीक होने की कोई घटना नहीं हुई है। 1991 में मध्य प्रदेश में हायर सैकेन्डरी परीक्षा और खुला स्कूल प्रमाण-पत्र की पूरक परीक्षा के भी प्रश्न-पत्रों के गायब होने संबंधी मामले को सरकार के ध्यान में लाया गया था।

(ग) इन समस्याओं से निपटने और यथासम्भव यह सुनिश्चित करने के लिए कि ऐसी कोई घटना घटित न हो देश के सभी स्कूल शिक्षा बोर्डों में उपर्युक्त तंत्र हैं।

Synthetic Running Track

4201. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of the HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whther it is a fact that Sports Authority of India (SAI) and Haryana Agriculture University (HAU) Hissar have placed an order on M|s. Balsam Sports Ltd., Cyprus for laying a 13mm Spurtan-V, 6,00 sq. M Synthetic Running Track at SAI Centre, Bangalore and Sports Centre HAU Hissar;